Military Academy at Barrackpore

*208. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1310 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for establishment of Military Academy at Barrackpore has been finalised; and

(b) if so, by when this Academy is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A detailed feasibility study is being conducted which includes indentification of suitable locations.

Minimum pension under P.F. linked pension scheme

†*209. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of minimum pension fixed under the P.F. linked pension scheme;

(b) whether this amount is lesser than the minimum wages fixed for the daily wagers;

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to increase the same; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) For the members of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 who joined the Scheme, on or after 16.11.1995, no minimum monthly Member Pension is prescribed. The amount of monthly Member Pension in such cases is computed in accordance with the following factors, namely:

$$\text{Monthly Member Pension} = \frac{\text{Pensionable Salary} \times \text{Pensionable service}}{70}$$

As regards the members of the EPS, '95 who were also members of the erstwhile Employees' Family Pension Scheme, 1971, para 12 of the EPS, '95 provides the computation for past service benefits (of the service

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